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5		NO. 20-2-07084-0 SEA
6	Plaintiffs,	
7	v.	CLASS ACTION
8	IQ DATA INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Washington for profit corporation,	DECLARATION OF SCOTT M. FENWICK OF KROLL
9	Defendant.	SECTION SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION LLC IN CONNECTION WITH FINAL
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	DECL. OF SCOTT M. FENWICK OF KROLL SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION LLC IN CONNECTION WITH FINAL APPROVAL	CASE NO. 20-2-07084-0 SEA

I, Scott M. Fenwick, declare as follows:

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**INTRODUCTION** 

I am a Senior Director of Kroll Settlement Administration LLC ("Kroll"),<sup>1</sup> the Class
 Administrator appointed in the above-captioned case, whose principal office is located at 2000
 Market Street, Suite 2700, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. I am over 21 years of age and am
 authorized to make this declaration on behalf of Kroll and myself. The following statements are
 based on my personal knowledge and information provided by other experienced Kroll employees
 working under my general supervision. This declaration is being filed in connection with final
 approval of the Settlement.

Kroll has extensive experience in class action matters, having provided services in
 class action settlements involving antitrust, securities fraud, labor and employment, consumer, and
 government enforcement matters. Kroll has provided notification and/or claims administration
 services in more than 3,000 cases.

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### **BACKGROUND**

15 3. Kroll was appointed as the Class Administrator to provide notification and claims 16 administration services in connection with that certain Amended Settlement Agreement & Release 17 (the "Settlement Agreement") entered into in this Action. Kroll's duties in connection with the 18 Settlement have and will include: (a) receiving and analyzing the Class Data from Defendant; 19 (b) creating a Settlement Website with online claim filing capabilities; (c) establishing a toll-free 20 telephone number; (d) establishing a post office box for the receipt of mail; (e) preparing and 21 sending the postcard Notice via first-class mail; (f) receiving and processing mail from the United 22 States Postal Service ("USPS") with forwarding addresses; (g) receiving and processing 23 undeliverable mail, without a forwarding address, from the USPS; (h) receiving and processing 24 claim forms; (i) receiving and processing opt outs; and (j) such other tasks as counsel for the Parties 25 or the Court request Kroll to perform.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Settlement Agreement (as defined below).

1	NOTICE PROGRAM
2	Data and Case Setup
3	4. On November 7, 2023, Kroll established a toll-free telephone number, (833) 383-
4	5665, for Class Members to call and obtain additional information regarding the Settlement through
5	an interactive voice response ("IVR") system. As of February 16, 2024, the IVR system has
6	received 213 calls.
7	5. Also on November 7, 2023, Kroll designated a post office box with the mailing
8	address Singh et al. v. IQ Data International, c/o Kroll Settlement Administration LLC, PO Box
9	5324, New York, NY 10150-5324, in order to receive claim forms, opt outs, and all other
10	correspondence from Class Members.
11	6. On November 10, 2023, Kroll created a dedicated Settlement Website entitled
12	www.tenantinterestsettlement.com. The Settlement Website "went live" on December 6, 2023, and
13	contains information about the Settlement, answers to frequently asked questions, contact
14	information for the Class Administrator, important dates and deadlines, and documents relating to
15	the Settlement, including the Settlement Agreement, the Preliminary Approval Order, the class
16	certification order, a printable opt-out form, a printable claim form for the FDCPA Class, and
17	Plaintiffs' motion for attorneys' fees, costs and service awards. The Settlement Website provided
18	the FDCPA Class the opportunity to file a claim form online, and provided the CPA Class the
19	opportunity to select an electronic payment. As of February 16, 2024, Kroll has received seventy-
20	three (73) messages from Class Members through the "Contact" section of the Settlement Website.
21	7. On November 16, 2023, Kroll received two (2) Class Data files from the Defendant.
22	The first file contained information on 65,198 Class Members in the FDCPA Class which included
23	seven (7) field descriptions, while the second file contained information on 30,858 Class Members
24	in the CPA Class which included nine (9) field descriptions. Kroll undertook several steps to
25	reconcile the files by de-duping and cleaning the data in order to compile the eventual Class Data
26	of 50,152 members of the FDCPA Class and 30,835 members of the CPA Class. Additionally, in
27	an effort to ensure that postcard Notices would be deliverable to Class Members, Kroll ran the Class
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 Data through the USPS's National Change of Address ("NCOA") database and updated accordingly.
 <u>The Notice Program</u>
 8. There are two (2) Notice groups in this matter – the FDCPA Class and the CPA Class. On December 6, 2023. Kroll caused 80,987 postcard Notices to be mailed via first-class

5 Class. On December 6, 2023, Kroll caused 80,987 postcard Notices to be mailed via first-class 6 mail. Of these 80,987 postcard Notices, 50,152 were mailed to the FDCPA Class and 30,835 were 7 mailed to the CPA Class. The FDCPA Class postcard Notice included a tear-off claim form for the 8 Class Member to sign and return, while the CPA Class postcard Notice indicated that a signed claim 9 form was not required in order to participate in the Settlement. The FDCPA and CPA postcard 10 Notices are attached hereto as **Exhibits A and B**, respectively.

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#### **NOTICE PROGRAM REACH**

9. As of February 16, 2024, 447 Postcard Notices were returned by the USPS with a
forwarding address. Of those, 435 Notices were automatically re-mailed to the updated addresses
provided by the USPS. The remaining 12 postcard Notices were re-mailed by Kroll to the updated
address provided by the USPS.

16 10. As of February 16, 2024, 19,368 Notices were returned by the USPS as 17 undeliverable as addressed, without a forwarding address. Kroll ran 18,923 undeliverable records 18 through an advanced address search. <sup>2</sup> The advanced address search produced 14,785 updated 19 addresses. Kroll has re-mailed Notices to the 14,785 updated addresses obtained from the advanced 20 address search. Of the 14,785 re-mailed Notices, 2,338 have been returned as undeliverable a 21 second time.

#### **CLAIM ACTIVITY**

11. As of February 16, 2024, Kroll has received 1,615 FDCPA claim forms through the
mail and 1,366 FDCPA claim forms filed electronically through the Settlement Website. Kroll has
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 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The remaining 445 undeliverable Notices received to date were received after the advanced address search was run and therefore those records were not included in the search.

1	also received 171 CPA Class electronic payment selections through the Settlement Website. Kroll
2	is still in the process of reviewing and validating claim forms.
3	12. To prevent claim forms from being filed by individuals outside the FDCPA Class
4	and to curtail fraud, Class Members were provided a unique "Class Member ID" on their respective
5	postcard Notices. The Class Member ID is required for FDCPA Class Members to file a claim form
6	online or for CPA Class Members to select electronic payment online.
7	13. The Claims Deadlines was February 5, 2024. As of February 16, 2024, Kroll has
8	received no late claim forms.
9	EXCLUSIONS AND OBJECTIONS
10	14. The Opt-Out and Objection Deadlines were February 5, 2024.
11	15. Kroll has received ten (10) timely exclusion requests to the Settlement. A list of the
12	exclusion requests received is attached hereto as Exhibit C. Class Members were not instructed to
13	submit their objection to the Class Administrator, and none have been received by Kroll.
14	CERTIFICATION
15	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the above
16	is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that this declaration was executed on February
17	16, 2024, in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.
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## Exhibit A

## COURT AUTHORIZED LEGAL NOTICE THIS IS NOT A COLLECTION NOTICE

If you are a Washington resident and a former tenant of a rental property in Washington State on whose account IQ Data International, Inc., collected or attempted to collect a debt, you may be entitled to benefits from a class action settlement in a case titled *Karanbir Singh et al. v. IQ Data International, Inc.*, Superior Court of the State of Washington, County of King, Case No. 20-2-07084-0 SEA

- The Plaintiffs allege that IQ Data violated the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Washington Collection Agency Act, and Washington Consumer Protection Act by assessing interest on certain alleged debts.
  - IQ Data denies it did anything wrong. The Court has not decided who is right.
    - To resolve this lawsuit IQ Data has agreed to pay \$4 million into a Settlement Fund, which will be used to pay awards to Class Members, service awards to the Class Representatives (up to \$30,000), attorneys' fees and costs (up to \$1,047,057), and settlement administration costs (up to \$143,000).

### Singh et al. v. IQ Data International c/o Kroll Settlement Administration LLC PO Box 5324 New York, NY 10150-5324

# **Electronic Service Requested**

<<Refnum Barcode>>

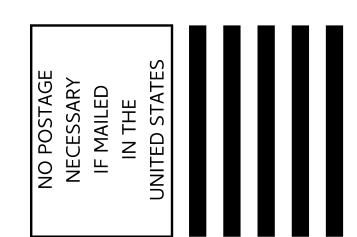
CLASS MEMBER ID: <<Refnum>>

# Postal Service: Please do not mark barcode

<<FirstName>> <<LastName>> <<Company>> <<Address1>> <<Address2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

<<Country>>

You may be in the <b>FDCPA</b> Class if you are a Washington resident and a former tenant of a residential property in Washington and IQ Data, on or after January 5, 2020, through the date of the Preliminary Approval Order, collected or attempted to collect interest calculated from your move out date. IQ Data's records indicate that you are a member of the FDCPA Class. The Settlement Fund will be allocated so that \$225,000 goes to the FDCPA Class members who file a valid claim and the balance goes to the CPA Class. You can learn more at <b>www.tenantinterestsettlement.com</b> . <b>SETILEMENT AWARD AMOUNTS</b> : You must submit a claim to get a Settlement Award as a member of the FDCPA Class. The \$225,000 goes to the FDCPA Class who submit claims. If you submit a claim, your estimated award amount is \$35. This is an estimate; your final award amount could be different. <b>YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS Make a Claim for a Settlement Award</b> . To receive a payment from this Settlement, you must submit a claim, your estimated award amount is attached to this postcard. To mail to be submit a claim, your estimated award amount is allows you to get a payment.	<u>Do Nothing.</u> Stay in this lawsuit. Get no Settlement benefits. Give up certain rights. By doing nothing, you will not get a payment and you give up any rights to sue IQ Data separately about the same or similar legal claims. <b>Ask to be Excluded by February 5. 2024.</b> Opt out of this lawsuit. Get no benefits from it. Keep rights. If you exclude yourself, you will not be eligible to receive any money or benefits that come from the Settlement and you may not object. This is the only option that allows you to be part of any other lawsuit against IQ Data about collection of prejudgment interest. Your exclusion request must be made in writing and include your name, address, telephone number and the case name "Singh et al. v. IQ Data International, Inc." Exclusion request therem. <b>Object to the Settlement by February 5. 2024.</b> Stay in this lawsuit. File with the Court a written objection, which will be considered at the Final Approval Hearing. If you disagree with any part of the Settlement, you may file with the Court a written objection, which will be considered at the Final Approval Hearing. If you file an objection, you may not exclude yourself from the Settlement. If the Settlement is approved, you will be bound by the Settlement Agreement and und the seame or similar legal claims in this lawsuit, the Settlement is approved, you will be obund by the Settlement Agreement and you give up rights to sue IQ Data separately about the same or similar legal claims in this lawsuit, but you will be obund by the Settlement Agreement and you may not exclude yourself from the Settlement. Fit he Settlement Website at www.tenantinterestsettlement.	Attend the Final Approval Hearing. The hearing is scheduled for March 1, 2024, at 8:30 AM Pacific Time. Any changes will be posted on the Settlement Website. If you do not exclude yourself, you may file a request to speak at the Final Approval Hearing. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE HEARING TO RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM THE SETTLEMENT. For instructions on how to file a request to speak at the hearing, visit the Settlement Website at www.tenantinterestsettlement.com. Do I have a lawyer? The Court decided that the law firms Terrell Marshall Law Group, PLLC and Leonard Law, PLLC are qualified to represent you and all Class Members. If you do nothing and stay in the lawsuit, those lawyers will represent the interests of you and the Classes regarding the legal claims raised in this lawsuit; however, they do not represent you regarding the underlying debt that was assigned to IQ Data. If you have questions about whether you need your own lawyer, visit the Settlement Can be found on the website: unvertexettlement.com.
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# BUSINESS REPLY MAIL FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 36777526 NEW YORK, NY

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

C/O KROLL SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION SINGH V. IQ DATA INTERNATIONAL NEW YORK NY 10126-2876 PO BOX 5324

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Carefully separate at perforation

<<refnum barcode>> Class Member ID: <<refnum>>

## Singh et al. v. IQ Data International CLAIM FORM

Class Member ID: <<refnum>>

<<firstname>> <<mi>> <<lastname>> <<mi></astname>> <<address1>> <<address2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

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correct information:			ZipCode
please print your	MI Last Name		
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To Receive Compensation from the Settlement, You Must Enter All Requested Information, and Sign and Mail this Claim Form, Postmarked On or Before February 5, 2024. If you prefer to receive your payment electronically, please submit your claim online at www.tenantinterestsettlement.com.

ATTESTATION: By submitting this claim form, the undersigned agrees that he or she will be entitled to relief specified in the Settlement Agreement and will be bound by the Release in the Settlement Agreement.

Date: \_

## Exhibit B

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CLASS MEMBER ID: <<Refnum>>

Postal Service: Please do not mark barcode

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## Exhibit C

### **EXCLUSION LIST**

Count	<b>Record Identification Number</b>	First	Last	Class
1	796557ZST0ZKR	В.	Rebeschini	FDCPA
2	796557ZSRYB0Z	L.	Glass	FDCPA
3	796558FQVYKD2	C.	Mickelson	FDCPA
4	79655832Q2PW3	C.	Anderson	FDCPA
5	7965588ZWCCKR	В.	Loper	FDCPA
6	796558NMDV5SY	R.	Onwukwe	FDCPA
7	7965580RF5SNZ	N.	Carby	FDCPA
8	79655870HYFXQ	E.	Kuster	FDCPA
9	79655870H35FM	E.	Kuster II	FDCPA
10	796557DRHMRHX	D.	Biggs	FDCPA
11	796558B7N8BG8	Τ.	Carnahan	FDCPA
12	796558FX3KK6H	E.	Garnica	FDCPA
13	796558FX2J4WY	D.	Garnica	FDCPA